

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A recording medium playback device comprising:

a recording medium accommodation unit configured to ~~for accommodating~~ a plurality of recording mediums in a stacked array;

a carriage chassis having at least a pickup, a turntable and a pickup moving means, said pickup moving means being adapted to move said pickup in the direction of playing back the recording medium;

a moving means configured to ~~for moving~~ said carriage chassis to a position between the recording mediums accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit to play back the recording medium;

a recording medium loading means configured to ~~for loading~~ the recording medium inserted from outside into said recording medium accommodation unit; and

a stopper portion configured to ~~for abutting~~ against an outer circumferential edge of the recording medium loaded by said recording medium loading means to thereby prevent excess loading motion of the recording medium; wherein

said stopper portion is provided in said carriage chassis and is located at a position spaced on a loading center line of the recording medium accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit.

2. (original): The recording medium playback device of claim 1, wherein said stopper portion further comprises at least two stoppers positioned opposite one another with respect to the loading center line.

3. (original): The recording medium playback device of claim 1, wherein said stopper portion is positioned such that movement of said pickup is not obstructed by said stopper portion.

4. (original): The recording medium playback device of claim 1, wherein said stopper portion is positioned to allow the carriage chassis to directly contact the outer circumferential edge of the recording medium when said carriage chassis is in a standby position.

5. (currently amended): A recording medium playback device comprising:

a recording medium accommodation unit configured to~~for~~ accommodate~~ing~~ a plurality of recording mediums in a stacked array;

a carriage chassis having at least a pickup, a turntable and a pickup moving unit, said pickup moving unit being adapted to move said pickup in the direction of playing back the recording medium;

a moving unit configured to~~for~~ moving~~ing~~ said carriage chassis to a position between the recording mediums accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit to play back the recording medium;

a recording medium loading unit configured to~~for~~ loading~~ing~~ the recording medium inserted from outside into said recording medium accommodation unit; and

a stopper portion configured to~~for~~ abutting against an outer circumferential edge of the recording medium loaded by said recording medium loading unit to thereby prevent excess loading motion of the recording medium; wherein

said stopper portion is provided in said carriage chassis and is located at a position spaced from a loading center line of the recording medium accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit.

6. (original): The recording medium playback device of claim 5, wherein said stopper portion further comprises at least two stoppers positioned opposite one another with respect to the loading center line.

7. (original): The recording medium playback device of claim 5, wherein said stopper portion is positioned such that movement of said pickup is not obstructed by said stopper portion.

8. (original): The recording medium playback device of claim 5, wherein said stopper portion is positioned to allow the carriage chassis to directly contact the outer circumferential edge of the recording medium when said carriage chassis is in a standby position.

9. (new): A recording medium playback device comprising a vertical protrusion configured to abut against an outer circumferential edge of a recording medium loaded into the recording medium playback device to thereby prevent excess loading motion of the recording

medium wherein said vertical protrusion is provided on a carriage chassis and is located on a loading center line of the recording medium.

10. (new): A recording medium playback device comprising a pair of vertical protrusions configured to abut against an outer circumferential edge of a recording medium loaded into the recording medium playback device to thereby prevent excess loading motion of the recording medium wherein said pair of vertical protrusions are provided on a carriage chassis and are located off of loading center line of the recording medium.